

**WESTERN REGION SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 24, 2012**  
**SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

1. Call to Order – Elaine Bush, EVP, called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions & Roll Call

Area 1 – Brad Corbin; Area 2 – Greg Badal; Area 3 – Owen Letcher; Area 4 – John Goodman for Travis Feldheger; Area 5 – Louie Vidmar; Area 6 – Randy Hocking for Brian Reinke; Area 7 – Steve Ware; Area 8 – Brad Jamieson; Area 9 – Sam Lee; Dir - Tad Scharpf; Dir - Connie Bergmark; Dir - Laura Johnson; EVP - Elaine Bush; HND - Will Bush; HND - John Goodman; HND - Mike Hayes; HND - Merle Vasbinder, HND - Frank Harrison; HND - Randy Hocking; HND - TC Boice; Barry Young; Pat Rogers; Richelle Matli; Jim DeVito; Charlene Harrison; Shelley McCollum; Lisa Wilson; Judy Stanford; Don Stanford; Brad Conger; Brian Detrick; Lucie Goodman; Tom Nathan; Dave Vogt; Debbie Badal

3. Council approval to replace area representatives - Approved  
Area 4 – John Goodman for Travis Feldheger  
Area 6 – Randy Hocking for Brian Reinke

4. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Mike Hayes appointed
5. Review & Approval of January 2012 Mid-Winter Minutes
6. Treasurer’s Report---Tad Scharpf
7. EVP Report---Elaine Bush
8. Regional Committee Reports

- Regional Awards: Debbie Badal
- Regional Drivers: Pat Rogers
- Regional Guide: Brian Detrick
- Regional Junior Development: Shelley McCollum
- Regional Nominating: Dave Vogt
- Regional Records: Amy Scharpf
- Regional Website: Laura Johnson/Phil Yastrow

Laura Johnson is stepping down as our website designer/maintenance person.

**ACTION:** Louie Vidmar will be taking her place effective September 1, 2012.

9. 2012 Regional Tournament Report (Status, Concerns/Adjustments): TC Boice/LOC – 26 fewer skiers in 2012 compared to 2011. Tournament expected end by 6:00 p.m. each night.

10. 2013 Regional Tournament—Laku Landing: Randy Hocking – Tournament may be Tuesday (7/23) thru Friday (7/26) – rather than Wednesday (7/24) thru Saturday (7/27). **ACTION:** Council will be polled to make a final decision. If Tuesday through Friday is decided then a Rule Exception will need to be granted since Regional Tournaments are required per the AWSA Rulebook to conclude on a weekend.

11. National Committee Reports

- National Announcers: Ryan Nason – no report
- National Awards: Randy Hocking – no report
- National Boat Drivers: Pat Rogers – no report
- National Bylaws: Brad Conger – no report
- National Executive: Barry Young - new treasurer will be voted at upcoming meeting. President – Bob Mayhew
- National Grassroots: (Need a replacement for Kay Goodfellow)  
**ACTION:** Debbie Badal offered to contact Matt Brandt and Chris Renz to see if either of them would be interested in being our representative on this Committee.
- National IAC: Barry Young/Mike Hayes – no action items. Recognized Juniors
- National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan – this was downgrade year. There were a number of downgrades. There is interest in combining judges, scorers, drivers and technical controllers into a super clinic.  
**ACTION:** Tom, Pat and Phil will work together to develop a proposal for a “Combined Clinic” and bring it back to the January Council Meeting.
- National Coaches Advisory –Terry Goodman- No Report
- National Junior Development: Charlene Brown/Jim DeVito – National raffle tickets will be sold at the Western Region Junior Development Banquet (not before). Regional junior development raffle tickets will be sold on site during Regionals.
- National Tournament Seeding: Judy Stanford – no action items
- National Rules: Richelle Matli/Dave Vogt – no action items
- National Safety: John Crivello – no report
- National Skiers Qualification: Erik Kosney – no report
- National Technical: Phil Yastrow – no report
- National Towboat: Will Bush – no action items

12. Other Sports Division Reports (Collegiate/WSDA)---No reports.

13. Old Business---None.

#### 14. New Business

---Skiing Below Minimum (R. Matli) – recommendation to start below minimum at 2012 Regionals – Approved. Council approved the Girls 1 and Boys 1 as Class E for 2012 Regionals.

---Scores Transferring from Collegiate to AWSA (C. Bergmark) – action item as a recommendation to the AWSA Board that collegiate scores for Class C events be automatically added to AWSA rankings – Bergmark/Scharpf - Approved

---Shortage of 3-Event Drivers (Louie Vidmar/Pat Rogers) – Discussion – Pat Rogers explained that current requirements are not excessive. Continue to support 2 event drivers

---New Drivers Rating Program (Sam Lee/Pat Rogers) – Pat explained new requirements for “rated” drivers. Pick up boat drivers do not have to be rated.

---Records Set When Skiing Out of Division (Owen Letcher) – moved to winter meeting.

--- AWSA – Laura Johnson spoke regarding the AWSA Bricks program – Wayne Canfield, Michael Young, Travis Buchli all received BRICKS in their memory. The Council supports the Bricks Program but felt that having Bricks “purchased” by the Region would be difficult to implement. (Who does the region buy them for, why, etc.?). Therefore, the Council encourages the membership to use the Bricks Program but there will be no Western Region funding available for this program.

--- EVP, Elaine Bush, reported that we had to downgrade a tournament this season from Class E to Class C because the primary officials in the event occupied more than ONE chief position (Chief Judge as an Appointed Judge, etc.).

---Location for our January 2013 Meeting:

**ACTION:** Elaine will send out a survey and find out where the majority of the Council Member attendees want to have our 2013 Winter Meeting.

15. Recommendations to the National Board of Directors (Connie will talk about the Collegiate Scores being transferred to the AWSA scorebooks).

16. Adjourn